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## **Growers and Vendors Wanted**

*Dover-* The Delaware Department of Agriculture (DDA) is looking for produce growers who would like to sell directly to the public at the Smyrna Rest Area Farmers' Market. Growers of fruits, vegetables, herbs, bedding plants, cut flowers, and/or hand-made specialty products, are greatly needed.

“The Smyrna Rest Area Farmers' Market has been open for many years and has always been a very profitable market for produce growers,” said DDA Communications Officer Kelli Steele. “For several years, Hurley Farms located in Mardela, MD was the anchor produce vendor in Smyrna; Steve and Tina Hurley did extremely well. However this year, they have decided to build an on-the-farm stand at their farm and will not be returning to the market. This creates a huge opening for one or more Delaware farmers to sell their crops locally to the public.”

The Smyrna Rest Area Farmers' Market is a “*producer only*” market meaning that all products offered for sale must be grown or produced by the person selling the item. In the past, the market has opened every Saturday and Sunday from mid-May through mid-September. However this year, if and when the market opens, the days, dates and times will be flexible.

If you are interested in becoming a vendor at the Smyrna market, contact Kelli Steele at (302) 698-4519 or (302) 943-7981 or by e-mail at [kelli.steele@state.de.us](mailto:kelli.steele@state.de.us).

To find out when other farmers' markets open or to find a farmers' market, visit the Delaware Department of Agriculture (DDA) website at [http://dda.delaware.gov/marketing/DE\\_FRMVENS.shtml](http://dda.delaware.gov/marketing/DE_FRMVENS.shtml).